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SUBJECT: UNITA AND COREMO RESPOND TO COSTA GOMES

1. LOCAL PRESS HAS REPORTED RESPONSES BY UNITA AND COREMO TO CALL BY PORTUGUESE JUNTA FOR FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO LAY DOWN ARMS. UNITA SPOKESMAN SAID MAY 9 JUNTA MUST STOP SENDING TROOPS TO ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE AND GUINEA BISSAU AND WITHDRAW THOSE ALREADY THERE BEFORE ASKING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS. SPOKESMAN ADDED COSTA GOMES' CEASEFIRE OFFER IS "POISONED GIFT AND IT IS NONSENSE FOR THE PORTUGUESE JUNTA TO ASK US TO LAY DOWN OUR ARMS" WITHOUT JUNTA TAKING FIRST STEP.

2. COREMO STATEMENT ISSUED IN LUSAKA MAY 8 SAID CALL TO LAY DOWN ARMS "AND COME OUT OF HIDING" BEFORE BEGINNING NEGOTIATIONS IS TANTAMOUNT TO ASKING FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO SURRENDER. STATEMENT COMMENTED "CASEFIRE SHOULD BE THE RESULT OF FRUITFUL CONTACTS AND NEGOTIATIONS AND NOT A PREREQUISITE FOR CONTACTS AND NEGOTIATIONS."

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3. MPLA'S LUSAKA OFFICE AS OF MAY 10 HAD ISSUED NO
STATEMENT IN REPLY TO COASTA GOMES.

4. TIMES OF ZAMBIA EDITORIAL MAY 10 APPLAUDED FRELIMO'S
REJECTION OF "SPINOLA'S ONE-SIDED CALL FOR A CEASEFIRE"
STATING "THIS IS AS IT SHOULD BE." COMMENTING ON SPINOLA
AS "INSTRUMENT OF FREEDOM" FOR PORTUGUESE COLONIES,
TIMES SAID "THE SOONER ALL PROGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP ON THE
AFRICAN CONTINENT REALIZES SPINOLA'S FAILURE, SO MUCH THE
BETTER FOR THE NEXT BITTER, AND HOPEFULLY FINAL, PHASE OF THE
REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE."
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